The special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday May 4, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. Alderwoman Hoyle called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present on roll call: Alderwoman Hoyle and Alderman Pfeiffer Alderwoman Finlayson, Aldermen Paone, Arnett and Kirby

Staff: City Manager Mallinoff, Finance Director Miller, Public Works Director Jarrell, Chief of Comprehensive Planning Burke, Senior Accountant Klein, Assistant Finance Director Tripodi, Transportation Specialist Banks, Assistant City Attorney Elson

Mr. Elson spoke to the committee on recusal in reference to the community grants.

The committee discussed the appointment of David Gallitano to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Alderwoman Hoyle moved to recommend the appointment. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

The committee discussed the FY 2012 Fee schedule

Mr. Jarrell spoke on the fees. There was general discussion on solid waste fee changes and service changes.

Mr. Banks spoke on adding a reduced fee of 50¢ for the circulator bus service.

Alderman Arnett inquired about fees for shops that sell alcohol as part but not the entire store.

There was general discussion of whether the city manager and/or the department heads should set fees instead of the city council.

There was discussion of the advertising of the proposed fee changes. Mr. Jarrell stated that there has been information circulated through the press about the proposed changes but notice has not been sent to residents as the fees have not yet been approved.

There was general discussion of the changes in fees and the impacts on low income residents and high usage businesses.

Alderman Pfeiffer inquired whether the non-taxed properties are in compliance with storm water rules and if they pay storm water fees.

There was discussion of how the sidewalk fund will be charged. Mr. Jarrell stated that they will evaluate the total linear feet of all taxable properties and then allocate the fees accordingly. The fees would begin in the fall and the work would begin in the following spring.

The committee discussed the Market house fund.

The committee discussed the transportation fund. Discussing the education requirements in the grants and how to achieve them considering the department's budget.

There was discussion of the community grant funds and how to address the process of suggesting calculations.

Alderman Pfeiffer suggested that the alderman each do individual suggested allocations and staff do the averages and submit to the finance committee for final approval.

There was general discussion of the community grants and the capital grants.

There was discussion of setting up a standard disbursement date for the Community grant funds.

Mr. Miller suggested it should be done quarterly. The committee concurred.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Hilary Roggio Raftovich Standing Committee Clerk